SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the law called the Organic Act creating Dakota Territory from whence came the State of South Dakota was passed in 1861; and

WHEREAS, the first election in Dakota Territory was held on September 16, 1861; and

WHEREAS, the 90 year period from the time of the Organic Act to date has shown the tremendous development in Dakota Territory and South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the great progress during this 90 year period has been made possible because of the freedom given to the citizens under our American way of life; and

WHEREAS, it would be well at this time to mark the anniversary of the election held in territory now constituting South Dakota:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 16, 1951 as

FIRST ELECTION ANNIVERSARY DAY

and earnestly encourage the citizens, teachers, and students of our State to pause and consider the great benefits that the right of free elections mean to all of us in the State of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 11th day of September, 1951.

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine Ostroot
Secretary of State

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